



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994.
133 S. Fitzhugh St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Park Ridge Foundation (Logan-Reynolds-Wagner House)
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 1563 Long Pond Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒ 1555 Long Pond Rd.
5. PRESENT OWNER: Park Ridge Foundation ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14626
6. USE: Original: farm residence Present: offices
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private offices

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☒ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = pargeted.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☒
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This is a 'green plus.' " P.Malo

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: coniferous & deciduous trees/shrubs
j. other: contemporary office building to northwest.
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☒
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☐
h. other: part of Park Ridge Hospital/Health Services
multi-acre campus.
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1835
ARCHITECT: not determined
BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME: agricultural: former farm residence.

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This c. 1835 residence was extensively renovated for use as the Park Ridge Foundation offices in 1981. Contemporary 1/1, double-hung sash (and one, single-paned window) were installed; the 1-1/2-story, gable-roofed west (rear) wing was constructed; and the interior was remodeled into office space.

The veranda along the south elevation and a small entrance porch on the facade (described in 1931 article) have been removed. The 1931 article also describes interior changes: "As one enters the front door into the small hall, doors on either side open into large, square rooms once having fireplaces on the outside walls. They have been sealed up and the mantels removed. The old bake oven in the cellar is also closed."

17. The Logan-Reynolds-Wagner House is located on an 8.1-acre site on the west side of Long Pond Road in the southwest quadrant of the town. It is located on the Park Ridge campus, a large, multi-acre 1970s site with a hospital and a number of other health-related buildings (nursing home, senior citizen apartments, chemical dependency, and mental health facilities). The house faces east and sits on a knoll, slightly above the roadway. A main driveway into the campus is located to the south of the house. A non-contributing, contemporary, farm, gable-roofed office building (c. 1980s) is located immediately northwest of the house. A non-contributing paved parking lot is situated to the west (rear) of the house. A large lawn surrounds the house and includes deciduous and coniferous trees and shrubs. The surrounding neighborhood consists of mostly post-World War II housing; a commercial area is just to the south at the intersection of Long Pond Road and Ridgeway Avenues.

18. The Logan-Reynolds-Wagner House consists of a one-and-one-half-story, side-gable main block and a contemporary, one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed rear (west) wing added c. 1980-81. The house is constructed of random-laid fieldstone (walls are two-feet thick) on a pargeted foundation. The main, stone block is four-bays wide and two-bays deep. A narrow cornice board is located under the eaves. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical with 1/1, double-hung sash. The windows have stone sills and curved

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lintels of fieldstone laid in a vertical pattern. The facade features a center entrance with arched fieldstone lintel (laid vertically); the late 19th-century front door features a single, rectangular window on top and four, solid panels below. A second door opening is visible on the south elevation. The door has been removed and a long, rectangular, single-pane window has been installed in this opening.

The 1-1/2-story, frame, west wing appears to have been added during the c. 1981 renovation. The 1959 county map indicates that a small, square wing was located on the southwest corner of this house (no longer extant).

The interior configuration of the house was adapted for modern office use c. 1981 (now headquarters of the Park Ridge Foundation).

20. The Logan-Reynolds-Wagner House is architecturally significant as a rare surviving example of an early 19th-century, vernacular, fieldstone farmhouse in the town. The house is historically significant as a visual reminder of Greece's agricultural heritage. It is also historically important for its association with two of Greece's pioneer families, the Logans and the Reynolds.

The vernacular design of this house is characteristic of farmhouses constructed in the town from the early to mid 1800s. The most distinctive feature is the random-laid fieldstone construction. This is one of the few surviving early 19th-century fieldstone buildings in the town.

The year 1825 marks the opening of the Erie Canal. The masons that were hired to build the canal left their mark on this region with the stone houses built after the completion of the canal.

This first sale of this property was recorded in 1829, when this lot and one adjacent to it were purchased by Frederick and Lucinda Spalding for \$1,900. In 1833, a smaller parcel was sold to William and John Hayward for \$380 (believed to be part of the Park Ridge property). The land was deeded to Hugh Logan in 1835. Mr. Logan was survived by his wife, Rose and son, Matthew, who came with him to this area in the early

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1830s. Articles indicate that there was another Logan brother and that the brothers built the stone house that stands today.

The 1852 county map shows a building on this site. The owner is listed as "Mrs. Logan" and it is just north of the original Erie Canal bed. In 1867, the property was acquired by Michael Reynolds. The 1872 county map shows this site as lot 116. A building is indicated and "M.Reynolds" is listed as the owner. The canal bed is located to the south.

The 1902 county map shows this as a 49.5-acre parcel owned by Michael Reynolds. Two buildings are shown on the site (this house is the northern building).

In 1919 the property was acquired by Jost J. Wagner. The 1924 county map shows the property as a large, rectangular parcel bordered on the north by Weiland Rd., on the east by Mitchell Rd. (now Long Pond Rd.) and on the south by Ridgeway Avenue. The "old canal" bed extends through the southeast corner of the property. The 1930 suburban directory lists J.J. Wagner here (on a 40-acre site).

In the Rundel Library's Local History division is a series titled, "Century Old Houses in Rochester and Vicinity, 1937-38," researched by the Irondequoit chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A 1931 description of this house and property was compiled by D.A.R. members, Mary T. Douglas and Myrte Rice Haynes (see attachments).

The 1959 county map shows this as a 40-acre parcel owned by M. & G. Wagner. Listed as 1543 Long Pond Road, the stone house is shown with a small southwest addition. To the northwest is a small, frame outbuilding. A second, frame outbuilding and masonry silo are shown to the north of the house. Although it is no longer extant, the route of the "old Erie Canal bed" through the southeast corner of this site is indicated by a broken line. To the southwest of the house is "Big Ridge Cemetery, 1 acre." This is the first map to show this historic cemetery, dating back to the early-19th century. The 1931 description of the cemetery stated Revolutionary and Mexican War veterans were buried there, as well as members of the Ward, Norton, and Warner families (headstones ranged from 1823 to 1877). When the Park Ridge campus was developed in early-mid 1970s, these graves were relocated to another cemetery.

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When this house was renovated for office space in 1981, Ann Chaintreuil of Macon-Chantreuil was the architect and Dinello Development, Ltd. was the contractor. One of the Foundation's trustees took a great interest in furnishing the house and chaired a committee to plan the interior of the house. His intention was to provide good working space for the Foundation offices, yet furnish it in period furniture. With the help of John Duggan and Bonnie Haney of Macke Williamson, Ross Kitt provided contemporary working facilities for the foundation here. The Foundation has occupied the house since October 26, 1981 and held an official open house on December 18, 1981. The house was opened to the community in early, 1982.

21. See final report for bibliography; file information from Park Ridge Foundation.

LOGAN-REYNOLDS-WAGNER HOUSE, 1563 Long Pond Rd.

(Century-old houses of Rochester and vicinity by Daughters of American Revolution 1937-8

About a half-mile south of Ridge Road on the Long Pond Road stands an old brownstone house half hidden by four old evergreen trees that stand like sentinels in the front yard. A small porch shelters the front door. Along to the south side is a longer veranda, and a door opens into the dining room. The room, as well as the kitchen, are built of wood. The stone part has walls two feet thick, so the windows have deep ledges.

As one enters the front door into the small hall, doors on either side open into large square rooms, once having fireplaces on the outside walls. They have been sealed up and the mantels removed. The old bake oven in the cellar is also closed.

Opposite the front door is another which opens to the closed stairway leading to the rooms above. That these were cold in the wintertime goes without saying, but now that a furnace is installed comfort such as the builders of this house probably never dreamed of is possible.

Records show that Henry West and wife deeded this property to William and John Hayward in 1833. They in turn deeded it to Hugh Logan in 1835. In 1867 it became the property of Michael Reynolds, and in 1919 it passed to Jost J. Wagner and is occupied by his family. Mr. Wagner believed the place was built by two Logan brothers. The stones were quarried at Medina and brought down the old Erie Canal which is 500 yards away. Today no water flows there as it has been diverted to the larger Barge Canal a mile or more further south. But when the packet and other boats traveled on the canal this may have been a stopping place. Horses, and the mules, were changed every few miles and freight was unloaded to be taken to places some distance from the canal.

At an early date one-half acre of land was set aside for a cemetery. It is southwest of the house and not accessible by any roadway. Trees shelter the few headstones and a wire fence surrounds the spot which is used as a pasture. Many of the stones have been knocked down and need replacing. It was abandoned in 1863. A number of soldiers of the Revolutionary War are buried there, as well as of the War of 1812, and possibly of the Mexican War. The headstones read as follows --
Ward, Asa born Sept. 18, 1790 died Aug. 7, 1877.
Ward, Louisa, wife, born March 24, 1806 died Aug. 6, 1874.
Norton, Capt. Charles died Mar. 11, 1857 ae 88-3 (S.A.R. Marker)
Northam, Edward F. died Aug. 3, 1842 ae 43-4
Warner, Daniel, died Feb. 18, 1839 ae 93
Warner, Elizabeth, wife died July 3, 1823 ae 72
Warner, Mirtillo died Feb. 28, 1853 ae 73

The above record was taken in 1931 by Mary T. Douglas and Myrte Rice Haynes of Irondequoit Chapter, D.A.R.

-- Pearl D. Smith

Taken from an article on century-old houses of Rochester and vicinity by Daughters of the American Revolution, 1937-38. This article was supplied to the Park Ridge Foundation by Mrs. William Tomkiewicz, the Historian for the Town of Greece.

